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SUBJ: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCELERATING THE MOVEMENT
TO THE US OF APPROVED INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND

REF: A. STATE 120222 B. BANGKOK 13519

1. PARA 11 OF REF A ASKED US TO ELABORATE ON AN
EARLIER RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ICEM
UNIT TO EXPEDITE DEPARTURES FROM THAILAND OF US APPROVED
REFUGEES. EXPEDITING DEPARTURES IS NOW OUR FIRST
PRIORITY.

2. JEAN SCHILTZ, THE ICEM DIRECTOR IN BANGKOK, IS
COOPERATIVE BUT SOMETIMES SLOW IN RESPONSE AND NOT
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ALWAYS ON TOP OF HIS JOB. THE CURRENT ICEM STAFF IS
INADEQUATE IN NUMBER TO CAPABLY HANDLE THE ACCELERATED
AMERICAN PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION
FOR CONSIDERATION SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT MUTUALLY

EXCLUSIVE AND ANY OF WHICH WOULD FACILITATE FASTER DEPARTURES.

A. INCREASE THE ICEM STAFF.

B. ESTABLISH A SEPARATE AMERICAN UNIT WITHIN THE ICEM STAFF WHICH WOULD EXCLUSIVELY HANDLE THE AMERICAN PROGRAM (ALBERT CORCOS FULFILLED THIS FUNCTION EXTREMELY WELL IN A PREVIOUS PROGRAM).

C. TURN OVER ALL TICKETING FUNCTIONS, AS WELL AS THE HANDLING OF MOVEMENT FROM THE TRANSIT CENTER TO THE AIRPORT, TO ANOTHER CONTRACTOR (CONTINENTAL AIRLINES IS COMING UP WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL AT SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER COSTS THAN ICEM IS CHARGING).

\$. REPLACE SCHILTZ WITH A MORE DYNAMIC LEADER.

3. RECOMMEND THAT LOWMAN DISCUSS THESE POSSIBILITIES WITH ICEM HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA DURING HIS UPCOMING TRIP THERE.

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